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LOVE IT!**

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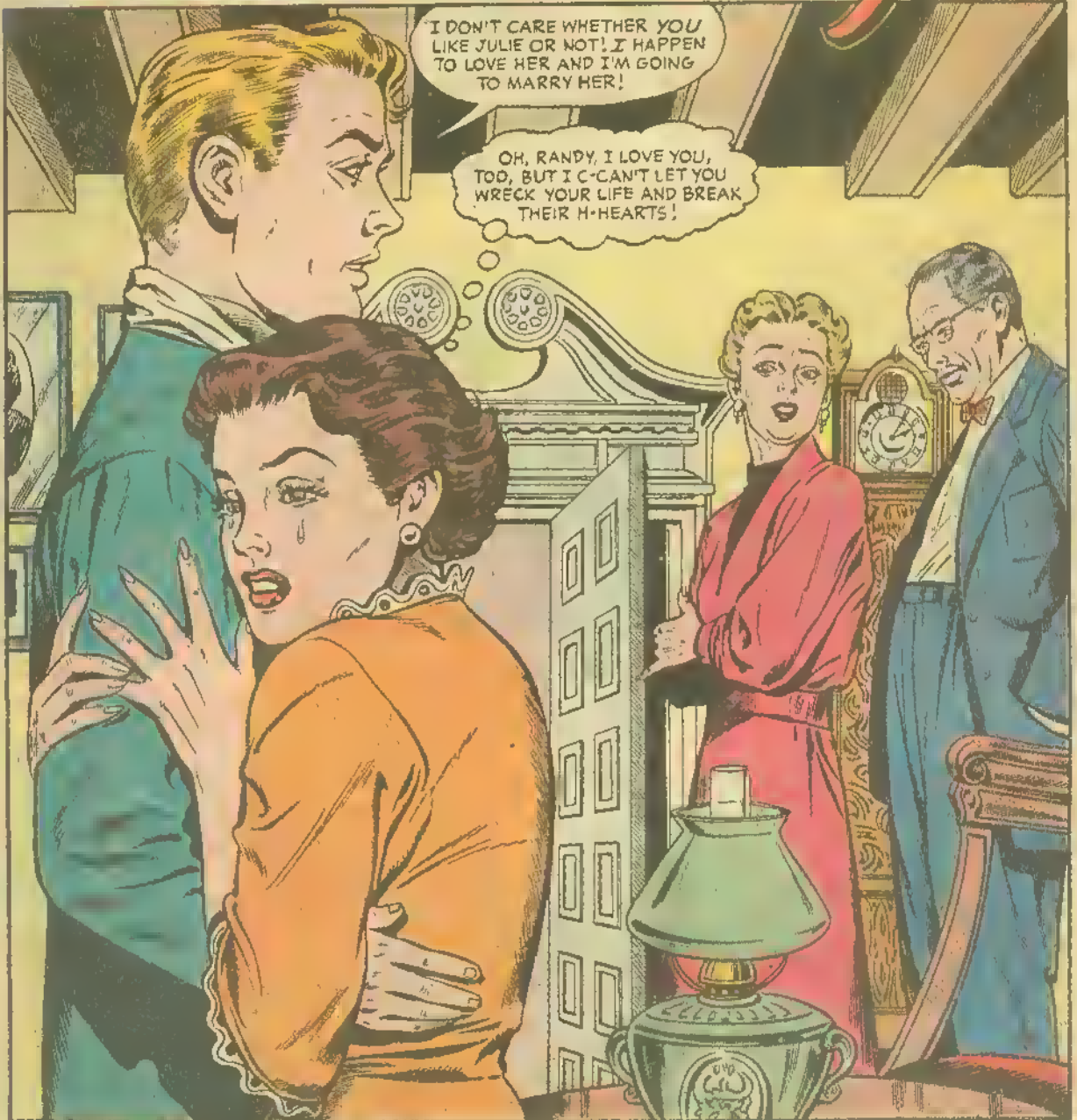
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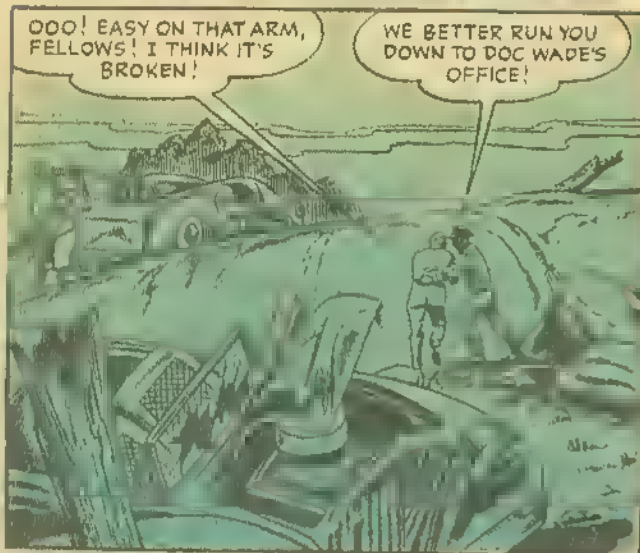
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I HAD NEVER THOUGHT BEING AN ORPHAN WOULD BE HELD AGAINST ME...UNTIL I FELL IN LOVE WITH RANDY CRAIG AND MET HIS SOCIALITE PARENTS! THEIR SHOCKED HORROR MADE ME FEEL SHABBY AND SOMEHOW AN INTRUDER! RANDY WANTED TO MARRY ME AND TAKE ME SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY! BUT I HAD TO FACE ONE QUESTION...WOULD I REALLY HAVE RANDY ALONE? OR...

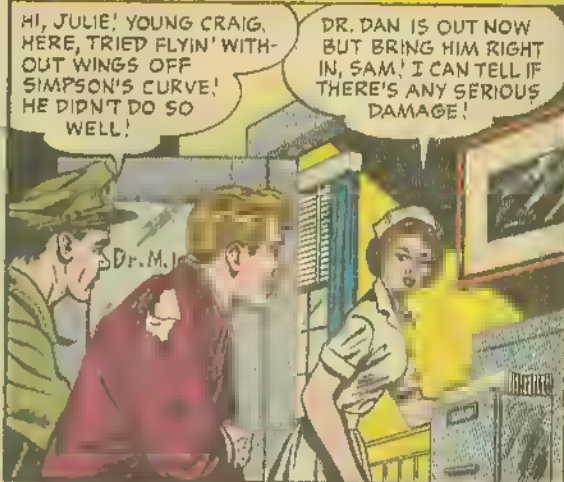
Will I Marry His Family?



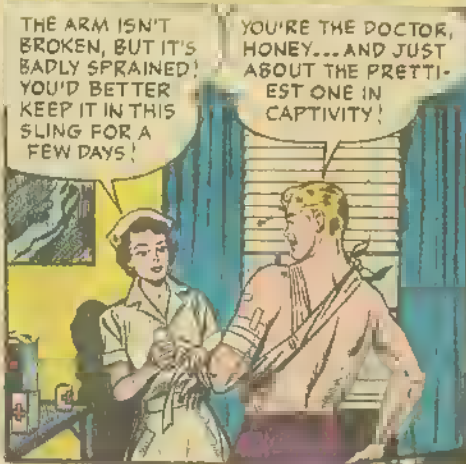
THE CRAIGS HAD A SUMMER HOME NEAR MY TOWN... AND YOUNG RANDY CRAIG WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS WILD RECKLESSNESS!



AND THAT IS HOW I FIRST MET RANDY CRAIG... AND SET MY OWN FEET ON THE ROAD TO HEARTBREAK!



I WAS AWARE OF RANDY AS YOUNG AND HANDSOME, BUT THAT WAS ALL... THEN! LUCKILY, HE WASN'T SERIOUSLY HURT!



THAT NIGHT I COULDN'T HELP HELP DREAMING A LITTLE ABOUT RANDY CRAIG! WHAT GIRL COULD?

GOSSIPS SAY HE'S WILD BUT HE DIDN'T SEEM THAT WAY AT ALL! HE JUST SEEMED NICE! I WONDER WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO HAVE A DATE WITH RANDY CRAIG?



OH, STOP SUCH NONSENSE, JULIE MASON! THE CRAIGS ARE UPPER CRUST SOCIETY AND YOU'RE A LITTLE ORPHAN NOBODY! FORGET IT AND GO TO SLEEP!



BUT THE NEXT MORNING, WHEN I STARTED TO OPEN THE OFFICE...

WHAAAA...?
OH, GOOD MORNING, MR. CRAIG! AREN'T YOU FEELING TOO WELL? IS SOMETHING WRONG?

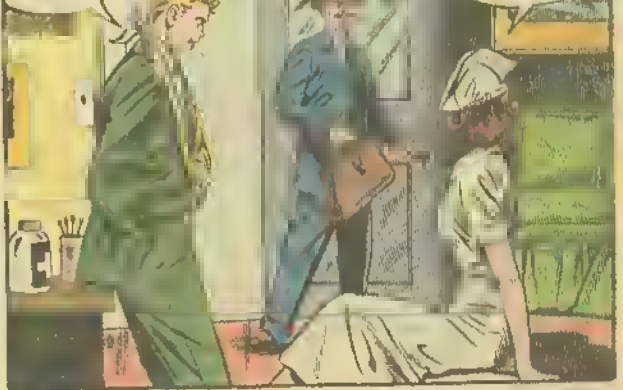
I FEEL FINE, JULIE! BUT I PROMISED TO BE THE FIRST PATIENT OF THE DAY, SO HERE I AM! ONLY I WISH YOU'D CALL ME RANDY!



RANDY SAT AND TALKED WHILE WE WAITED FOR DR. DAN TO ARRIVE!

...AND SUDDENLY LAST NIGHT I DECIDED TO QUIT THIS CRAZY DRIVING, BEFORE I HURT SOMEBODY ELSE BESIDES MY SILLY SELF!

I'M GLAD, RANDY! YOU ...OH, HERE'S DR. WADE, NOW!



RANDY WENT IN FOR HIS EXAMINATION! WHEN HE CAME OUT...

WHAAAA...?
RANDY, WHAT'S WRONG?

I'M IN TERRIBLE SHAPE... GROOOAN! I HAVE TO COME BACK EVERY MORNING FOR TREATMENTS! MAYBE EVEN TWICE A DAY!

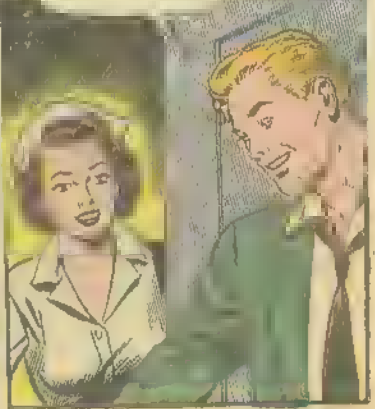


IN FACT, DOC SAYS I NEED A NURSE WITH ME IF I GO OUT EVENINGS! ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO HELP ME TO DINNER ABOUT 7 TONIGHT?

YOU IDIOT, YOU FRIGHTENED ME FOR A MOMENT! BUT... BUT I'M AFRAID I'M NOT EXACTLY QUALIFIED AS A DINNER GUEST! I'M ONLY A...



NOW WHO'S THE IDIOT? I'LL PICK YOU UP AT 7...AND DON'T BOTHER TELLING ME WHERE! I MADE IT MY BUSINESS TO FIND OUT YOUR ADDRESS LAST NIGHT!

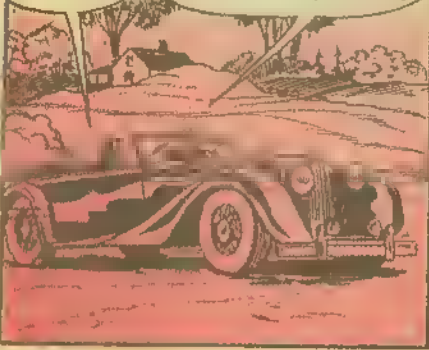


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I DRESSED FOR THAT DATE IN A DAZE OF EXCITEMENT AND ANTICIPATION! I WAS A LITTLE FRIGHTENED, TOO...

I...I'M NERVOUS, RANDY! I'VE NEVER BEEN TO THE COUNTRY CLUB!

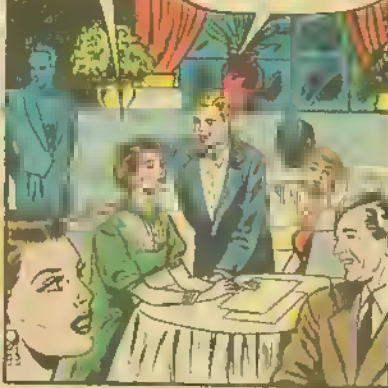
GOOD! I WANT THAT CROWD TO SEE HOW A REAL GIRL STANDS OUT FROM ALL THAT GAB-AND-GLITTER SET! JUST RELAX, HONEY!



EVERYONE I MET AT THE CLUB WAS NICE, THOUGH SOME OF THE GIRLS GAVE ME POISONOUS LOOKS!

RANDY, YOUR ARM! YOU SHOULDN'T...

I EXPECT YOU TO HOLD IT UP WHILE WE DANCE! COME ALONG, NURSE!



I'M SURE I MUST BE THE MOST HATED GIRL IN THE CLUB TONIGHT THE WAY THE OTHER GIRLS GLARE AT ME...

THAT ISN'T HATRED, JULIE, THAT'S ENVY... ENVY BECAUSE YOU LOOK SO NATURALLY FRESH AND LOVELY, IT SHOWS THEM UP!



ALL TOO SOON THE EVENING ENDED AND RANDY DROVE ME HOME!

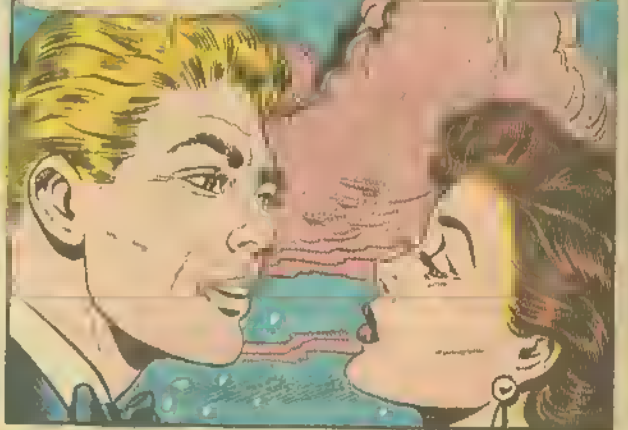
THE STARS IN YOUR EYES SAY YOU HAD A GOOD TIME, JULIE! MAY I PICK YOU UP TOMORROW NIGHT AT THE SAME TIME?

I HAD A WONDERFUL TIME, RANDY! BUT WON'T PEOPLE TALK IF YOU'RE SEEN WITH ME TWO NIGHTS IN A ROW?



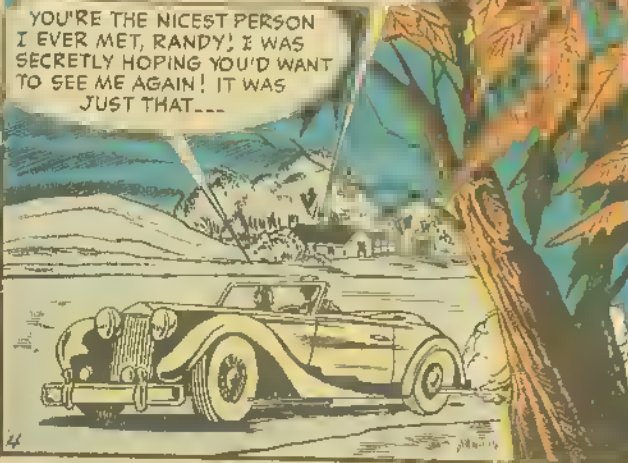
I WANT THEM TO TALK! I WANT PEOPLE TO SAY RANDY CRAIG HAS SETTLED DOWN AND CAPTURED THE GRANDEST GIRL IN THE COUNTRY!

RANDY! YOU...YOU'RE GETTING DELIRIOUS! JUST BECAUSE I PUT A SLING ON YOUR ARM...



AND A NOOSE ON MY HEART! BUT I'LL FOLLOW SILLY CUSTOM AND WAIT FOR A FEW DATES BEFORE I GO INTO THAT!

YOU'RE THE NICEST PERSON I EVER MET, RANDY! I WAS SECRETLY HOPING YOU'D WANT TO SEE ME AGAIN! IT WAS JUST THAT...



RANDY'S TENDER KISS STIFLED MY LAST HEARTED PROTEST... AND FANNED A SPARK ALREADY GLOWING IN MY OWN HEART!



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OH YES, RANDY, I LOVE YOU, TOO! I...I HOPE YOUR'S ISN'T JUST A PASSING FANCY --- BECAUSE MINE IS FOREVER!



RANDY AND I HAD THREE WONDERFUL EVENINGS IN A ROW! THEN, ON THE FOURTH MORNING!...

GOOD MORNING! ARE YOU MISS JULIA MASON?

I AM... AND YOU'RE MR. AND MRS. CRAIG! I'VE SEEN YOUR PICTURES OFTEN ON THE SOCIETY PAGES! MAY I HELP YOU?

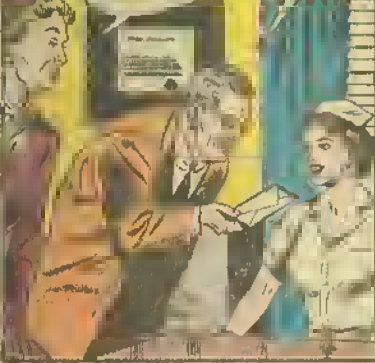


RANDY HAS TOLD US HOW YOU GAVE HIM SUCH WONDERFUL CARE AFTER HIS ACCIDENT! WE WANTED TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY, DEAR!

AND TO GIVE YOU THIS LITTLE TOKEN OF OUR DEEP APPRECIATION!

OH...P-PLEASE! I ONLY DID MY JOB! I...I COULDN'T POSSIBLY ACCEPT ANYTHING! SURELY YOU UNDERSTAND!

BUT WON'T YOU AT LEAST LOOK AT IT?



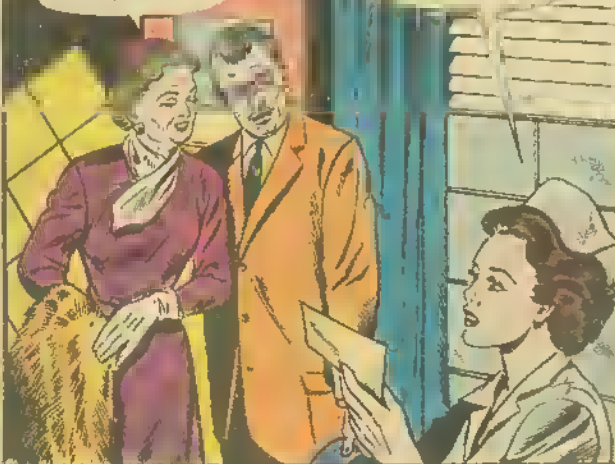
WITH TREMBLING, UNWILLING HANDS I OPENED THE ENVELOPE...



SUDDENLY I AWOKE TO WHAT THEY WERE DOING... THEY WERE TESTING THIS LITTLE SOCIAL NOBODY WHO DARED DATE THEIR SON!

SURELY THERE MUST BE SOME LITTLE THING YOU REALLY WANT, DEAR!

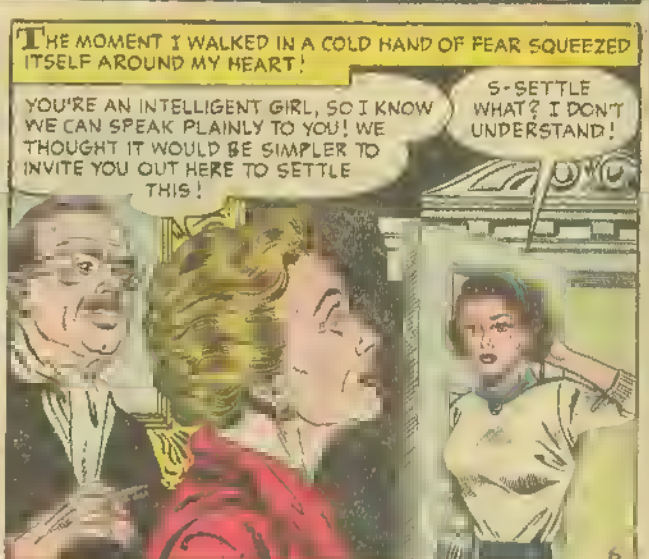
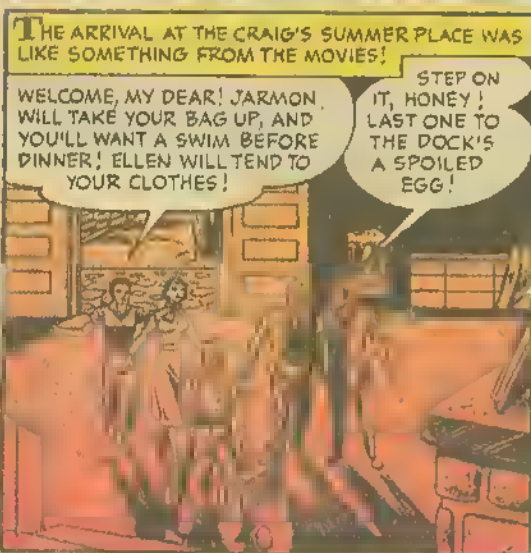
YES! YES, THERE IS! I'LL ACCEPT THE CHECK...



HERE, DOCTOR! MR. AND MRS. CRAIG HAVE JUST DONATED \$500 TO THE NEW HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT THAT'S SO BADLY NEEDED! P-PLEASE SEE THAT THEY'RE CREDITED WITH THE GIFT!



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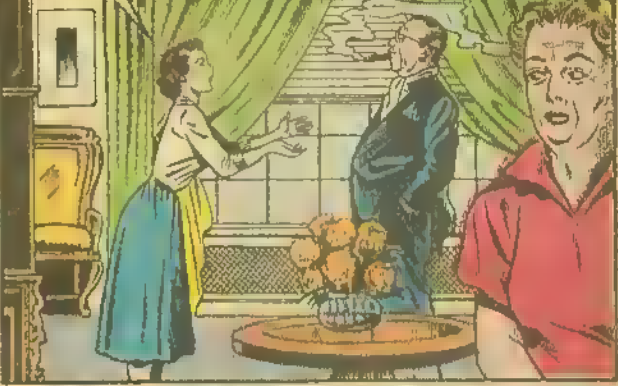
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BLUNTLY, MY DEAR, YOU OUGHT TO REALIZE THAT ANY HOPE OF MARRYING MY SON IS IMPOSSIBLE! WE THOUGHT YOU'D SEE THAT MORE CLEARLY OUT HERE IN HIS WORLD!

WE HAD YOUR BACKGROUND LOOKED INTO, JULIA! YOU KNOW YOURSELF THAT YOU HAVE NONE AT ALL! YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR RIGHT NAME!

H-HOW COULD I? THERE WAS AN AWFUL TRAIN WRECK! I WAS ONLY A BABY! NO ONE EVER FOUND OUT WHICH VICTIMS WERE MY PARENTS!

EXACTLY! THEY COULD HAVE BEEN THIEVES, SHOW PEOPLE... ANYONE! THE CRAIGS CAME ON THE MAYFLOWER! RANDY HAS A DISTINGUISHED BACKGROUND!



YOU MUST UNDERSTAND! RANDY'S WORLD IS NOT YOURS! HE'LL FIND A WIFE EVENTUALLY WHOSE BACKGROUND MATCHES HIS!

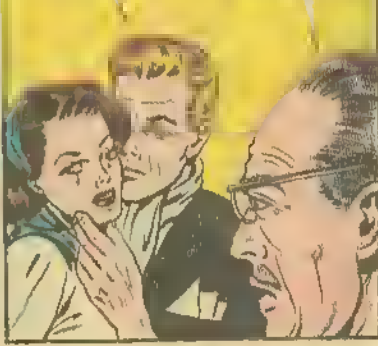
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE UP TO, INVITING JULIE OUT HERE...?

I THOUGHT THE WAY JULIE DID, THAT YOU SAW HOW FINE AND HONEST AND WONDERFUL SHE IS AND THAT YOU LIKED HER FOR HERSELF!

PLEASE, RANDY, THERE ISN'T ANYTHING PERSONAL AGAINST JULIE! SHE SEEMS QUITE A DECENT CHILD... FOR A NOBODY! I MEAN...

WELL, I HAPPEN TO LOVE JULIE AND IF SHE'LL HAVE ME, I'LL MARRY HER! AND YOU CAN HAVE YOUR MONEY AND SOCIAL POSITION!

NOW, SON, DON'T DO ANYTHING RASH! THINK THIS OUT! USE YOUR GOOD JUDGMENT!

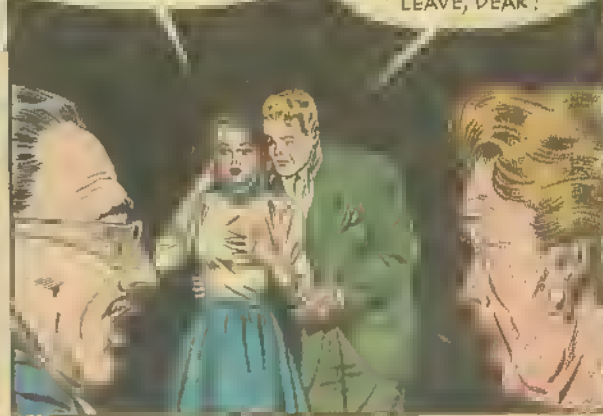


I USED IT WHEN I FELL IN LOVE WITH JULIE! DO YOU LOVE ME, JULIE... ENOUGH TO MARRY ME IF I DON'T HAVE A CENT? I'LL GET A JOB!

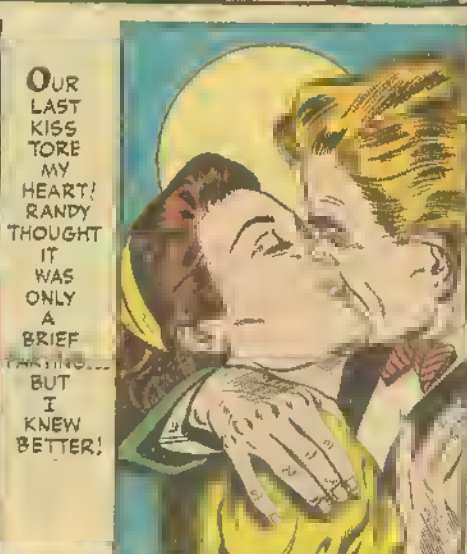
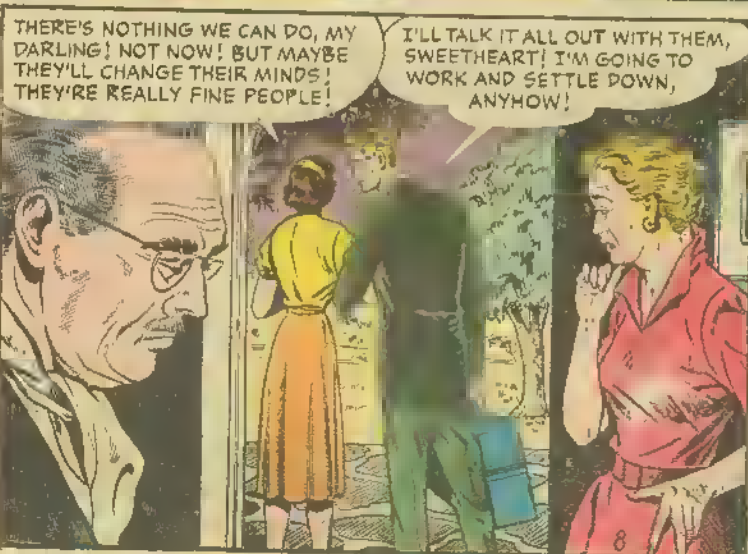
OH, YES, RANDY! IT... IT WOULD BE EASIER THAT WAY! YOU'RE TOO FINE AND CAPABLE TO WASTE YOURSELF WITHOUT A PURPOSE!

I'M S-SORRY! I NEVER HAD PARENTS AND I TH-THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE A M-MOTHER AND DAD TO ME! I WANTED TO BE LIKED!

RUN ALONG AND PACK, JULIE! I HAVE A FEW THINGS TO TALK OUT! I'LL RAP ON YOUR DOOR WHEN WE'RE READY TO LEAVE, DEAR!



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IT'S NO USE! THEY CAN'T CH-CHANGE BECAUSE OUR W-WORLDS ARE TOO FAR APART! GOODBYE, MY DEAR LOVE!



I'LL GO S-SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY AND TRY TO START FRESH! RANDY WILL FIND SOME GIRL IN HIS OWN CIRCLE AND GRADUALLY FORGET ME!



I LEFT A NOTE FOR DR. DAN AND STUMBLED TO THE BUS STATION...

ROUND TRIP OR ONE WAY, MISS?

ONE W-WAY!

MAKE THAT TWO!



RANDY!
OH,
RANDY...

I'M GOING WHEREVER YOU GO, MY DEAREST! I CAME BACK TO TELL YOU THAT AND SAW YOU HEADING HERE! WE'VE A RIGHT TO OUR OWN HAPPINESS!



WHA...?
MOTHER
AND DAD!

WE FOLLOWED TO ASK YOUR FORGIVENESS --- BOTH OF YOU! WE KNOW NOW HOW WRONG AND STUPID WE'VE BEEN!



WHEN WE HEARD YOU TURN RANDY DOWN JUST TO KEEP FROM HURTING US WE KNEW WE WERE LOSING A WONDERFUL DAUGHTER AS WELL AS A SON!

IF THERE'S ANY TRUTH AT ALL IN HEREDITY, JULIE, YOURS WAS THE FINEST! YOU MADE US ASHAMED... TERRIBLY ASHAMED!



YOU DARLINGS! THEN I DO HAVE A MOTHER AND DAD... WONDERFUL ONES, AT LAST!

I DON'T SEEM TO RATE AROUND HERE AT ALL... BUT MY TIME WILL COME! I'M GOING TO MARRY THE GIRL!

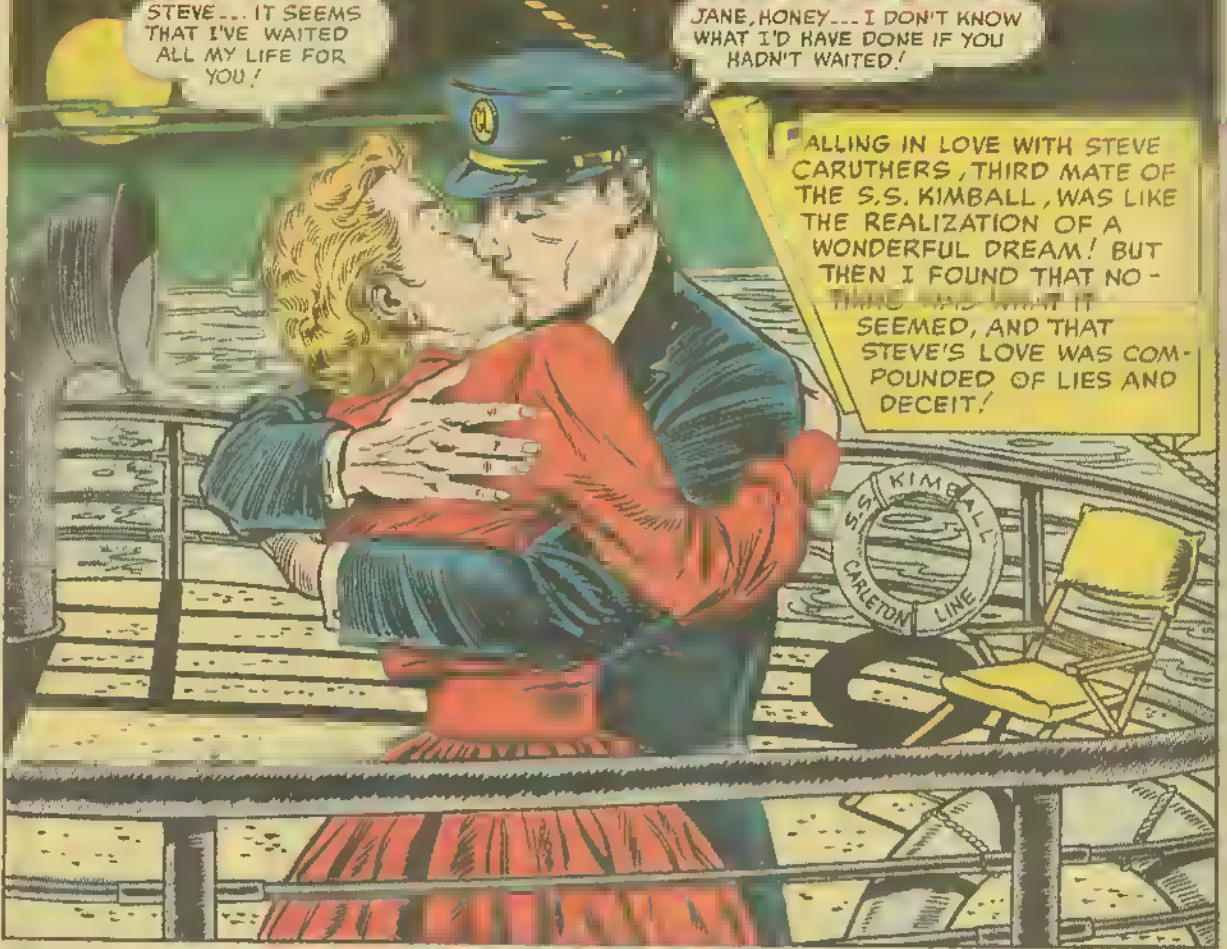


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STEVE... IT SEEMS THAT I'VE WAITED ALL MY LIFE FOR YOU!

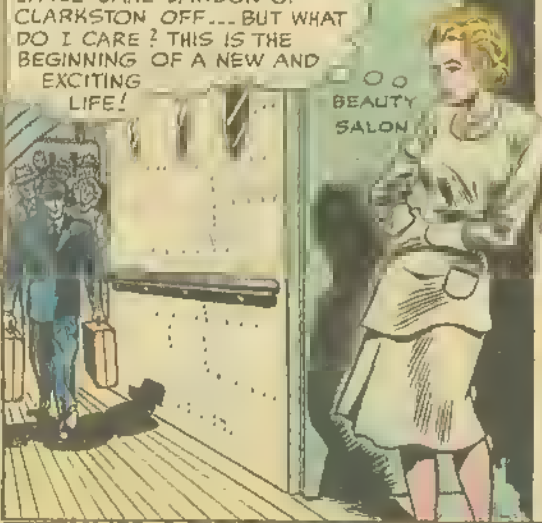
JANE, HONEY... I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D HAVE DONE IF YOU HADN'T WAITED!

FALLING IN LOVE WITH STEVE CARUTHERS, THIRD MATE OF THE S.S. KIMBALL, WAS LIKE THE REALIZATION OF A WONDERFUL DREAM! BUT THEN I FOUND THAT NOTHING WAS WHAT IT SEEMED, AND THAT STEVE'S LOVE WAS COMPOUNDED OF LIES AND DECEIT!



IT TOOK TWENTY-ONE YEARS... THREE OF THEM WORKING IN THE TOWN'S ONLY BEAUTY SALON... TO REALIZE THAT CLARKSTON HAD NOTHING FOR ME! WITH WHAT MONEY I HAD SAVED, I JOURNEYED TO NEW YORK AND JUMPED AT THE OPPORTUNITY OF SIGNING ON AS A MANICURIST ABOARD THE LUXURY LINER, THE S.S. KIMBALL!

THERE'S NO ONE HERE TO SEE LITTLE JANE DAWSON OF CLARKSTON OFF... BUT WHAT DO I CARE? THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW AND EXCITING LIFE!



That EVENING, AS I SAT EATING IN THE STAFF DINING ROOM!

HE... HE LOOKS AS IF HE STEPPED OUT OF MY DREAMS!

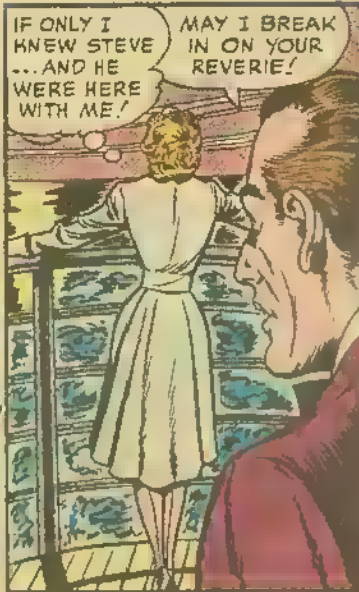


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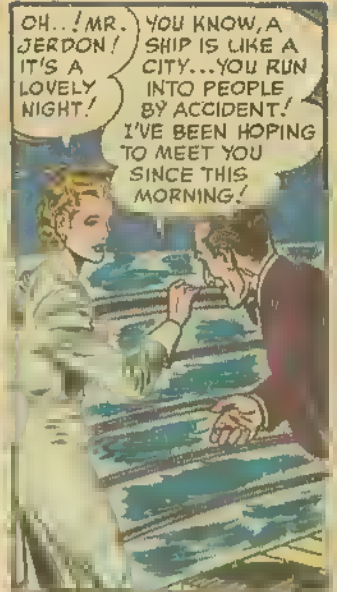
I... I WONDER IF I'LL GET TO KNOW HIM BY THE TIME WE DOCK IN LE HAVRE!

MANAGED TO LEARN THAT HE WAS STEVE CARUTHERS, THIRD MATE ABOARD THE LINER! BUT IN THE NEXT TWO DAYS, ALTHOUGH I SAW HIM SEVERAL TIMES, WE REMAINED TOTAL STRANGERS! ONE NIGHT, AS I STOOD WATCHING THE OCEAN...



IF ONLY I KNEW STEVE ... AND HE WERE HERE WITH ME!

MAY I BREAK IN ON YOUR REVERIE!



OH...! MR. JERDON! IT'S A LOVELY NIGHT!

YOU KNOW, A SHIP IS LIKE A CITY... YOU RUN INTO PEOPLE BY ACCIDENT! I'VE BEEN HOPING TO MEET YOU SINCE THIS MORNING!

MR. JERDON HAD BEEN IN FOR A MANICURE THAT MORNING, AND WAS LIKE NO ONE I HAD EVER MET... RICH, SUAVE, AND SUPREMELY SOPHISTICATED AND SURE OF HIMSELF!

I HOPE YOU HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO HAVING A DRINK WITH ONE OF THE PASSENGERS... A LONELY AND BORED PASSENGER, AT THAT!

I THINK THAT WOULD BE FUN! I'VE NEVER BEEN IN THE SHIP'S CAFE!

IT WAS VERY PLEASANT TALKING AND DANCING WITH MR. JERDON, BUT AS THE HOUR GREW LATE AND I NOTED WITH SURPRISE THAT HE DRANK TO EXCESS, I DECIDED TO CALL A HALT TO THE PROCEEDINGS! HE INSISTED UPON COMING ON DECK WITH ME...

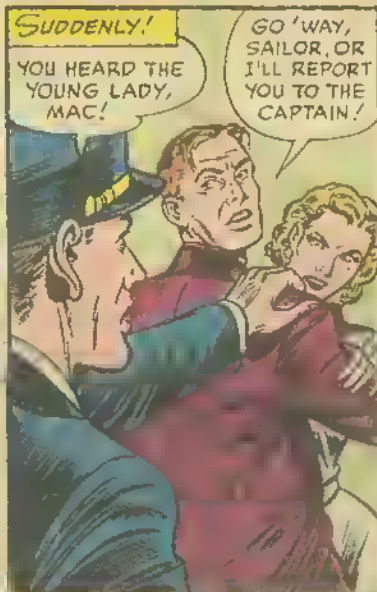
YOU'VE BEEN VERY KIND, MR. JERDON, BUT NOW I'VE GOT TO SAY GOOD-NIGHT! I'VE GOT TO BE UP EARLY!

THAT'S RIGHT... JANE DAWSON, THE WORKING GIRL!



JES' ONE LITTLE KISS, BABY!

PLEASE... MR. JERDON.



SUDDENLY!

YOU HEARD THE YOUNG LADY, MAC!

GO 'WAY, SAILOR, OR I'LL REPORT YOU TO THE CAPTAIN!



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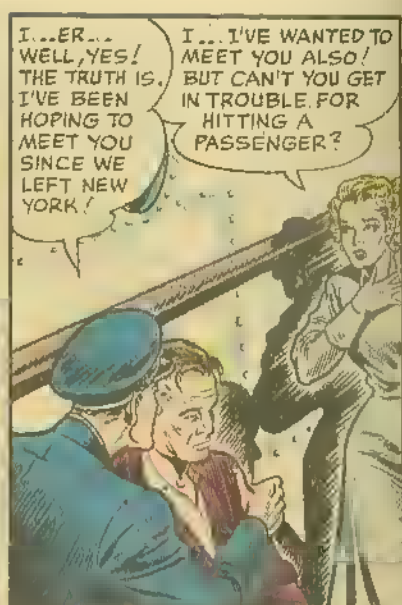


NOW YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO REPORT ME ABOUT!



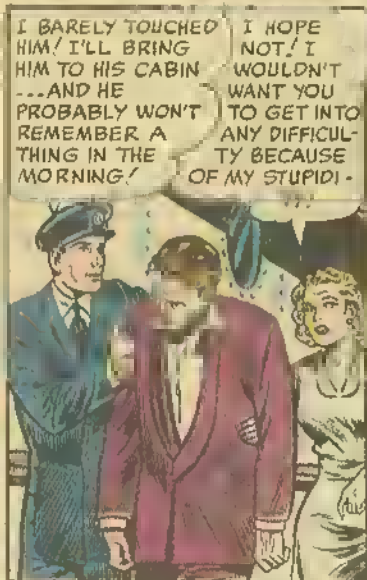
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, JANE?

YES, OF COURSE, I... YOU... KNOW MY NAME...?



I...ER... WELL, YES! THE TRUTH IS, I'VE BEEN HOPING TO MEET YOU SINCE WE LEFT NEW YORK!

I... I'VE WANTED TO MEET YOU ALSO! BUT CAN'T YOU GET IN TROUBLE FOR HITTING A PASSENGER?



I BARELY TOUCHED HIM! I'LL BRING HIM TO HIS CABIN... AND HE PROBABLY WON'T REMEMBER A THING IN THE MORNING!

I HOPE NOT! I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO GET INTO ANY DIFFICULTY BECAUSE OF MY STUPIDITY!

BUT MR. JERDON DID REMEMBER AND, AS I LEARNED FROM STEVE, TOLD THE CAPTAIN A HIGHLY EXAGGERATED STORY WHICH MADE STEVE OUT TO BE THE VILLAIN! BUT STEVE DIDN'T SEEM WORRIED AND WOULDN'T EVEN ALLOW ME TO GO TO THE CAPTAIN WITH THE TRUE STORY!



HOW CAN YOU TAKE IT SO LIGHTLY, STEVE? MR. JERDON IS RICH AND POWERFUL! HIS FIRM DOES A LOT OF BUSINESS WITH THIS LINE...

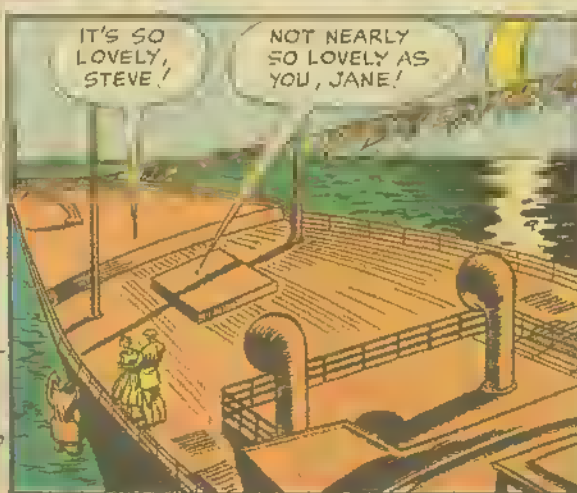
THE SKIPPER'S A FAIR MAN, JANE! I TOLD HIM MY STORY! NOW IT'S UP TO HIM TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO!



WHEN WILL HE MAKE HIS DECISION?

PROBABLY NOT TILL WE DOCK IN FRANCE, OR MAYBE NOT TILL WE'RE BACK IN NEW YORK! BUT LET'S FORGET ABOUT THAT AND TALK ABOUT SOMETHING PLEASANT!

During the next few days, Steve and I spent all our free time together! The shyness which had kept us apart was now completely overcome... and as we stood at the ship's rail on our last night at sea, the words I wanted Steve to say pounded in my heart!



IT'S SO LOVELY, STEVE!

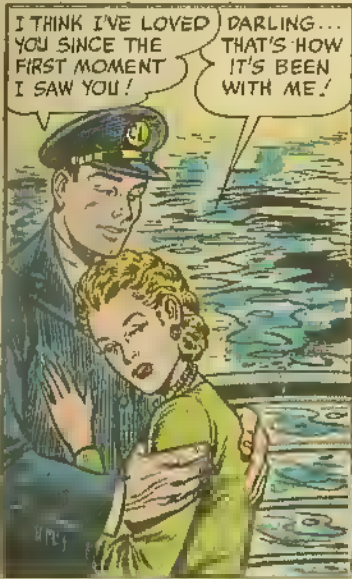
NOT NEARLY SO LOVELY AS YOU, JANE!



JANE... PERHAPS THIS IS TOO SOON, BUT I'VE GOT TO SAY IT! I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU!

STEVE, I...!

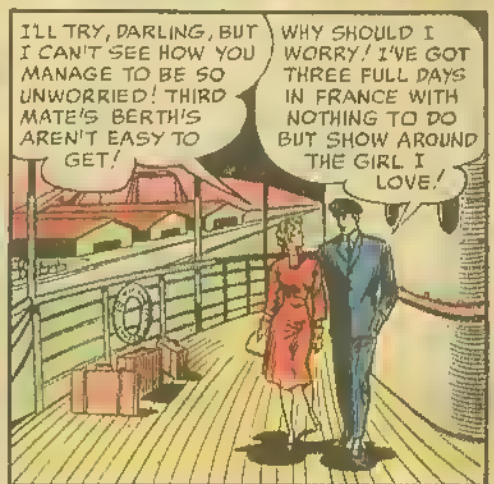
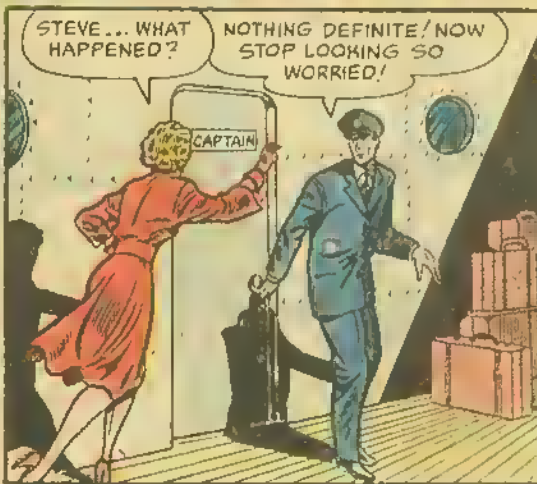
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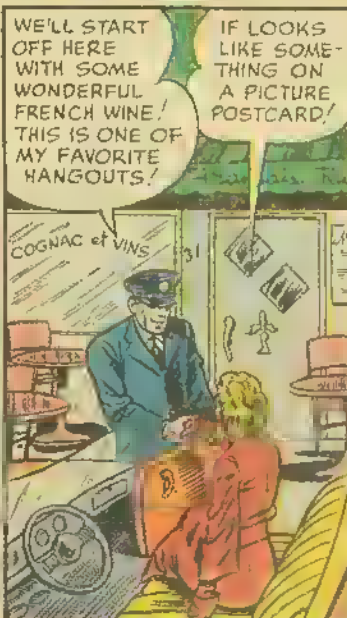
Tears OF HAPPINESS COURSED DOWN MY CHEEKS TO SALT THE SWEET DELIGHT OF STEVE'S LIPS PRESSED AGAINST MINE! AT THAT MOMENT, I KNEW I HAD FOUND WHAT I HAD ALWAYS SOUGHT... WHAT I HAD ALWAYS DREAMED OF!



THE DOCKED IN LE HAVRE FOR A THREE DAY STOP-OVER! BUT BEFORE STEVE COULD LEAVE THE SHIP HE WAS CALLED INTO THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN! I WAITED FEARFULLY... FRIGHTENED TO THINK THAT HIS JOB WAS IN JEOPARDY BECAUSE OF ME! FINALLY...

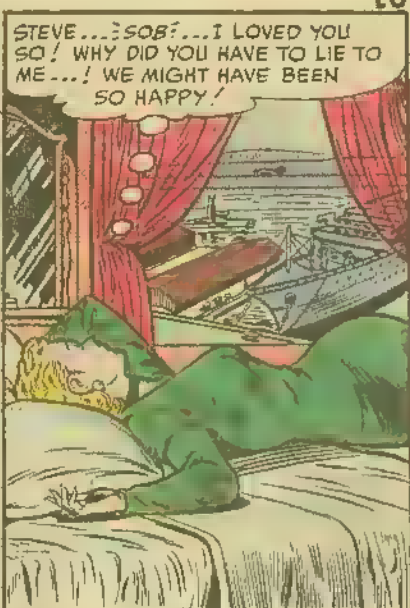


Steve's GAYETY QUICKLY COMMUNICATED ITSELF TO ME AND I SOON FORGOT EVERYTHING BUT OUR LOVE AND THE JOY OF SEEING A NEW AND WONDERFUL COUNTRY! STEVE HIRED A CAR AND WE DROVE TO PARIS!

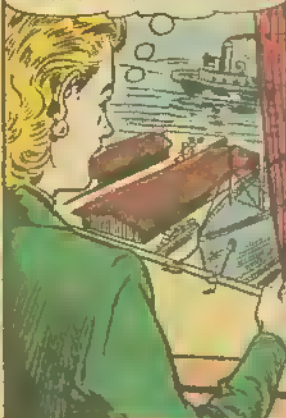


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Finally, SHOCK GAVE WAY TO REALITY, AND I THOUGHT THAT I DIDN'T EVER WANT TO SEE STEVE AGAIN... AND THAT HE DIDN'T WANT TO SEE ME! I QUICKLY RETURNED TO LE HAVRE, GOT MY BAGGAGE OFF THE SHIP AND TOOK A CHEAP ROOM IN A BOARDING HOUSE! BUT TWO DAYS ALONE IN MY BARE ROOM DIDN'T HELP!



THE "KIMBALL" WILL BE LEAVING IN LESS THAN AN HOUR... SOB; AND I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RELIEVED TO BE RID OF THE LITTLE MANICURIST YOU AMUSED YOURSELF WITH FOR A FEW DAYS!



YOU'VE PROBABLY FORGOTTEN ME ALREADY, STEVE, BUT... SOB?... I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU!



BUT SUDDENLY I FELT A HAND ON MY SHOULDER!

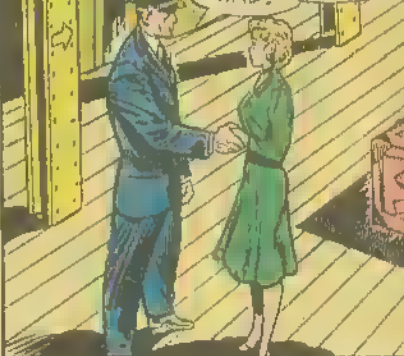
JANE... I'VE BEEN FRANTIC! I LOOKED ALL OVER PARIS AND LE HAVRE FOR YOU!



I KNOW WHAT YOU MUST THINK, BUT, DARLING, I SWEAR TO YOU, I WAS GOING TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING! NO ONE ABOARD THE SHIP KNEW ME AS ANYTHING BUT THIRD MATE STEVE CARUTHERS!

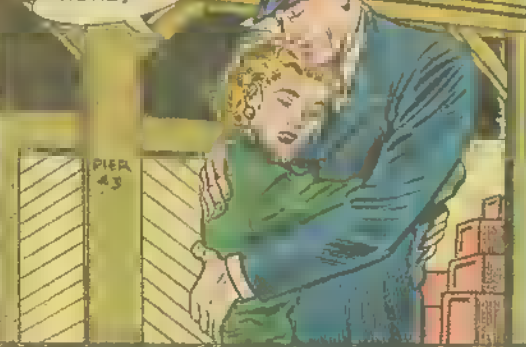


PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND! ALL MY LIFE I'VE BEEN STEPHEN CARLETON III, SON OF THE FAMOUS SHIPPING MAGNATE! YOU'RE THE FIRST GIRL THAT'S EVER KNOWN ME AS JUST A WORKING GUY! YOU LOVED ME FOR MYSELF... NOT FOR WHOSE SON I WAS!



Steve's WORDS WERE SAID WITH A BITTER SADNESS THAT SEEMED TO UNDERLINE THEIR TRUTHFULNESS! ALL AT ONCE, I FELL INTO HIS ARMS, HOPING TO EASE THE UNHAPPINESS I HAD CAUSED HIM!

DARLING, I UNDERSTAND... NOW! AND STEVE... I'D LOVE YOU NO MATTER WHO YOU WERE OR WHAT YOU WERE!



I KNOW THAT, HONEY...! I WAS A FOOL TO EVER THINK DIFFERENTLY!

WE'LL BE MARRIED IMMEDIATELY, DARLING! AND WE'LL HAVE OUR HONEYMOON RIGHT HERE ON THE CONTINENT!

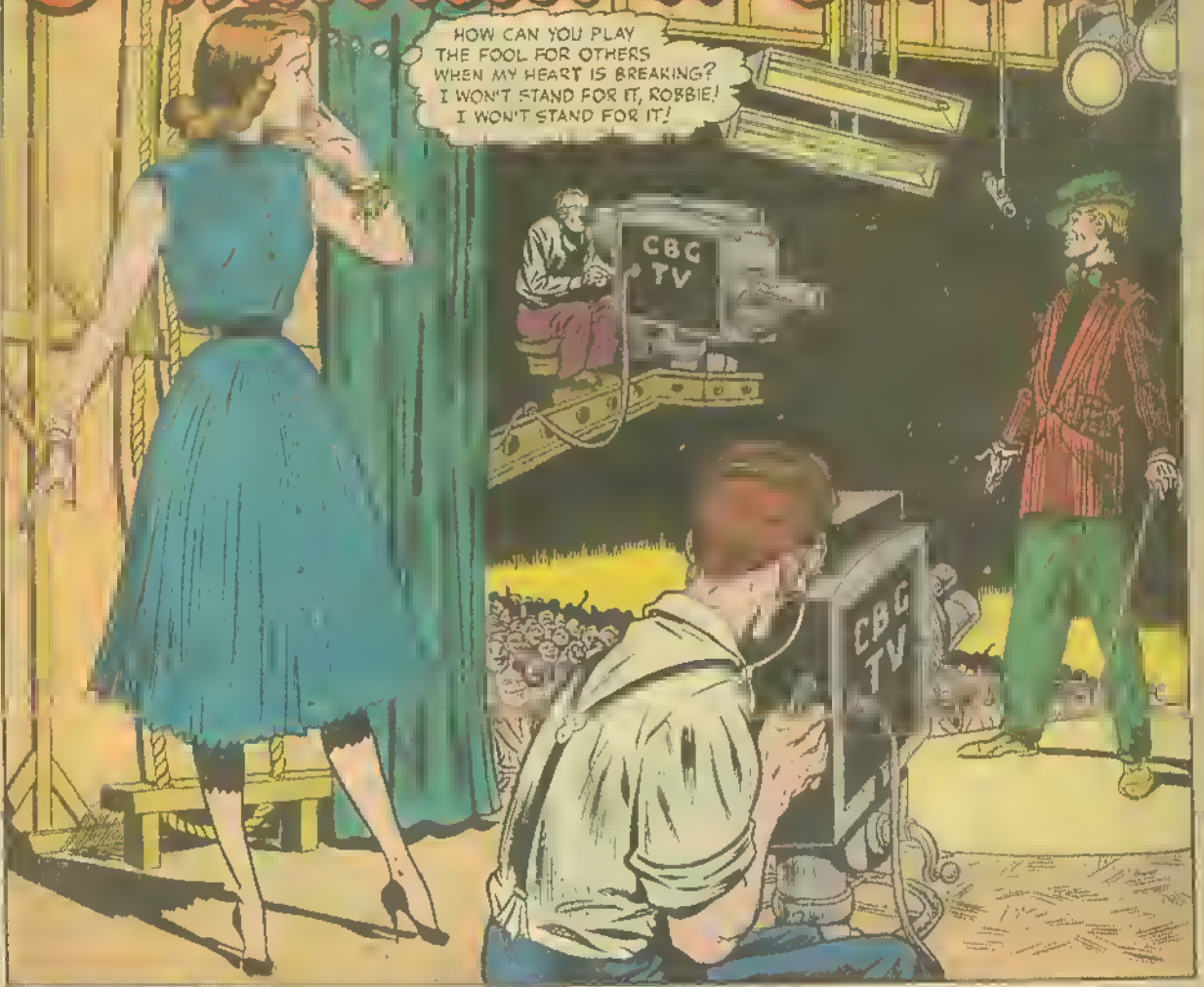


I DON'T CARE WHERE, STEVE, AS LONG AS WE'RE TOGETHER!

AS THE MAN I LOVED BROUGHT HAPPINESS TO THOUSANDS MY SOUL CRIED OUT FOR LOVE! EVERY GIRL ON ALL THE MAIN STREETS OF AMERICA WAS MY RIVAL BECAUSE...

I Married A Clown

HOW CAN YOU PLAY THE FOOL FOR OTHERS WHEN MY HEART IS BREAKING? I WON'T STAND FOR IT, ROBBIE! I WON'T STAND FOR IT!



THE WORLD WATCHED ROBBIE DODDS TO FIND LAUGHTER-- BUT WEEK AFTER WEEK I HAUNTED HIS TELEVISION SHOW BECAUSE OF... LOVE!

THAT'S IT, HA, HA, HA!

THEY ALL LOVE HIM!-- BUT ONLY FOR FUN! NOT AS I DO!



THANKS, FOLKS! YOU SEE, THERE'S A MOUSE LOOSE IN THE STUDIO AND THE JANITOR'S GIVING ME TWO BUCKS TO GET RID OF HIM!

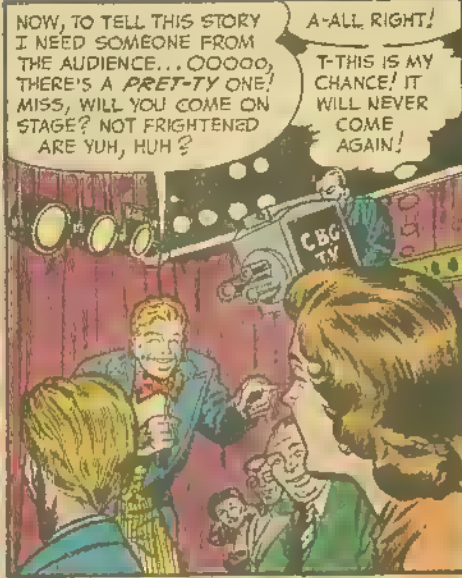
HOW WILL I EVER GET TO KNOW HIM? REALLY KNOW HIM...

HO, HO, HO! HA, HA!



LOVE SECRETS

My SECRET LOVE TORMENTED ME NIGHT AND DAY FOR THE FAMOUS ROBBIE DODDS SEEMED AS FAR AWAY FROM ME AS THE STARS! THEN, ON HIS 33RD SHOW THE "MIRACLE" HAPPENED...



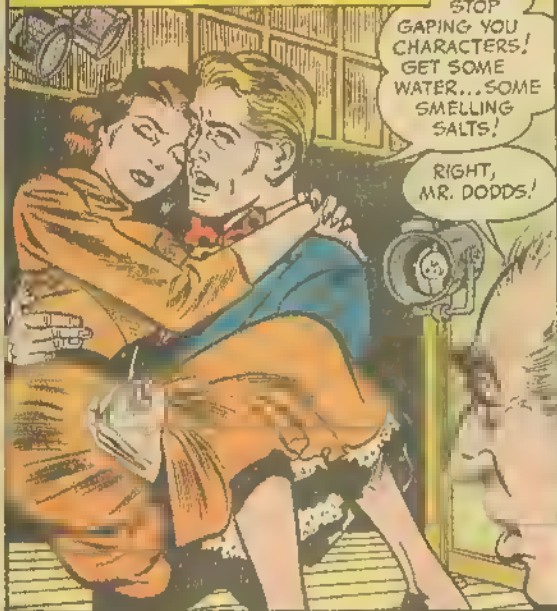
NOW, TO TELL THIS STORY I NEED SOMEONE FROM THE AUDIENCE... OOOOO, THERE'S A PRETTY ONE! MISS, WILL YOU COME ON STAGE? NOT FRIGHTENED ARE YUH, HUH?

A-ALL RIGHT! T-THIS IS MY CHANCE! IT WILL NEVER COME AGAIN!



OH-H-H-H! GREAT CATS! LOOK OUT! SHE'S FAINTING!

HIS STRONG, PROTECTING ARMS SWEEPED ME UP! MY DREAM WAS BEGINNING TO COME TRUE...

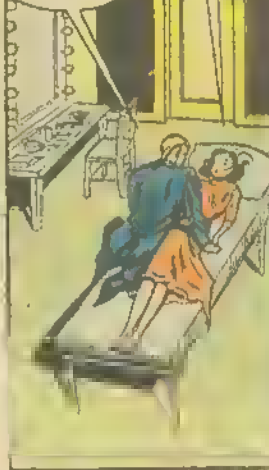


STOP GAPPING YOU CHARACTERS! GET SOME WATER... SOME SMELLING SALTS!

RIGHT, MR. DODDS!

AND THEN...

WOWIE! YOU SURE UP-STAGED ME THAT TIME, HONEY! STOLE THE ACT!



I--I'M SORRY! MR. DODDS, PLEASE... DON'T LET ME SPOIL THE SHOW!

MY HEART GLOWED AS I WATCHED ROBBIE CONTINUE FROM BACK STAGE! I FELT PART OF HIM NOW... AS IF I BELONGED...

THE YOUNG LADY'S ALL RIGHT NOW, FOLKS! IT WAS JUST MY FATAL FASCINATION! YESSIREE! KNOCKS 'EM RIGHT OFF THEIR HIGH HEELS! HA, HA, HA!

HE'S EVERYTHING I'VE EVER WANTED IN A MAN... EVERYTHING!



AND I DID BELONG! FOR, AFTERWARD, ROBBIE WAS DRAWN TO ME ALSO! I WAS SWEEPED UP IN A THRILLING NEW THEATRICAL LIFE THAT LEFT ME BREATHLESSLY HAPPY...

OH, ROBBIE! IT'S ALL SO WONDERFUL!

KNOW SOMETHING, SUGARFOOT! THAT FAKE FAINT OF YOURS DIDN'T FOOL ME A BIT!

I--IT DIDN'T...?

NO SIREEE, JUST LET YOU HAM IT UP FOR CHUCKLES!

ROBBIE! YOU...YOU... MAMMFF!



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A MONTH LATER, MY CYCLE OF JOY WAS COMPLETE, AS...

GRACE, A COMIC'S LIFE IS MAD-CAP, TOPSY-TURVEY! IT'S A LOT TO ASK A WOMAN TO BECOME PART OF-- BUT, COULD YOU?

OH, YOU SWEET FOOL! YOUR JOKES AND FUNNY TALK MEAN NOTHING TO ME! I CARE ONLY ABOUT BEING BESIDE YOU... ALWAYS!

MY HONEYMOON WAS A WILD RIDE FROM THE WEDDING IN CONNECTICUT BACK TO NEW YORK CITY AGAIN...

SORRY I'VE GOT TO PLAY A NIGHT CLUB ENGAGEMENT ON OUR WEDDING NIGHT, DARLING-- BUT IT'S A FULL HOUSE FOR OPENING NIGHT AND I CAN'T LET THE BOYS DOWN!

I UNDERSTAND, ROBBIE! THE PUBLIC IS YOUR SECOND WIFE!

MERRITT PARKWAY
NEW YORK

THAT EVENING...

HELLO, SWEETHEART! I'M HERE AT LAST!

COMPANY--ON OUR WEDDING NIGHT!

MY WRITERS, EDDIE AND BUZZ, ARE HERE HONEY! WE STUMBLED UPON A TERRIFIC ROUTINE AND THEY'VE GOT TO GET IT WRITTEN UP FOR TOMORROW NIGHT'S SHOW!

I'LL MAKE SOME COFFEE!

THE FRANTIC PACE OF ROBBIE'S CAREER SUDDENLY IRRITATED ME!

THAT'S IT! I RUB THE BALD HEADED MAN'S HEAD AND ASK... "IS THERE A POOL TABLE IN THE HOUSE?"

CHECK! I GOT IT!

HE GIVES A SILLY JOKE MORE ATTENTION THEN HE DOES ME!

LATER, I COULD HOLD BACK THE TEARS NO LONGER...

SOME HE'S CRUEL... CRUEL...

TERRIFIC IDEA, ROB! WE'LL OPEN THE SHOW WITH THAT GAG!

FINALLY, I FELL ASLEEP...

POOR KID! THIS HAS BEEN PRETTY TOUGH ON HER! I'LL TRY AND MAKE IT UP WHEN THE ENGAGEMENT ENDS!

LOVE SECRETS

AS THE MONTHS PASSED I LOATHED MY HUSBAND'S CAREER! I WAS AN OUTSIDER -- AND I YEARNED FOR HIS FULL ATTENTION ...

BUZZ, I'VE BEEN WAITING OVER AN HOUR! TELL ROBBIE I WON'T WAIT ANOTHER MINUTE! WE'RE AN HOUR LATE FOR DINNER ALREADY!

STAGE 5

SURE, GRACE! BUT DON'T BE ANGRY WITH HIM! THE REHEARSAL'S BEEN GOING SLOW!

THAT'S IT... DA DEE DUM DUM... A LITTLE FASTER, JEAN!

THOSE CHEAP SHOW GIRLS RECEIVE MORE OF HIS AFFECTION THAN I DO! IF HE REALLY LOVED ME HE WOULDN'T TREAT ME SO!



ALL THROUGH, DARLING! NOW WE CAN DASH OUT AND HAVE THAT BIG, JUICY STEAK YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

I'M NOT HUNGRY ANY LONGER, ROBBIE! FOR ALL I CARE YOU CAN STAY RIGHT HERE AND REHEARSE THOSE SILLY ACTS THE REST OF THE NIGHT! I'M GOING HOME!

GRACE! DON'T RUSH OFF! THIS IS MY JOB-- AND I HAVE TO DO IT RIGHT!

GOOD NIGHT!



MY SULLEN RESENTMENT GREW BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS! LATER...

YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT ME! YOU NEVER HAVE! I'M JUST SOMEONE YOU BOUGHT TO HAVE AROUND -- LIKE A PET DOG! THE ONLY THING YOU'VE EVER REALLY LOVED IS SHOW BUSINESS!

GRACE, WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU? I HAVE TO SPEND TIME STUDYING MY SCRIPTS! THIS IS THE TOUGHEST BUSINESS IN THE WORLD! A DOZEN COMICS ARE WAITING TO STEAL THE SPOTLIGHT FROM ME!

DON'T YOU SEE, DEAR, I'M WORKING HARD FOR BOTH OF US! BETWEEN HIGH TAXES AND EXPENSES I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SAVE MUCH! IF I CAN STAY ON TOP FOR ANOTHER FEW YEARS WE'LL HAVE ENOUGH TO BE SECURE FOR LIFE!

AND IN THE MEANTIME I'M NOT DOING ANY LIVING! YOU LIVE, EAT, AND BREATHE YOUR JOB, ROBBIE! A WIFE NEEDS ATTENTION AND ROMANCE LIKE ANY OTHER WOMAN! I WON'T BE CREATED OUT OF IT!

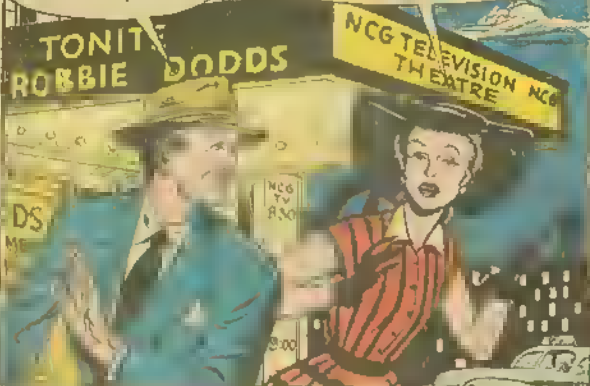


LOVE SECRETS

MY STUBBORN PRIDE BUILT A WALL BETWEEN US! ON THE NIGHT OF HIS IMPORTANT 4TH OF JULY SHOW I MET MY BROTHER...AND...

GRACE! WHO'D EVER BELIEVE I'D MEET YOU HERE IN NEW YORK!

TOMMY, HELLO! WHY IT'S BEEN MONTHS SINCE WE SAW EACH OTHER! HOW ARE THINGS OUT IN CALIFORNIA?



JUST FINE! SAY, HOW ABOUT YOU AND ROBBIE JOINING ME FOR DINNER AND A SHOW! I'M IN TOWN FOR TWO DAYS!

WE'VE SPLIT UP! DON'T ASK ME WHY! BUT I'LL ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION! I'VE NOTHING TO DO... THAT IS IF YOU LIKE SAD COMPANY! I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A MOMENT! I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!



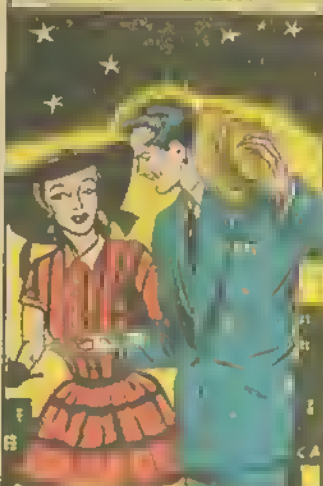
I WAS DETERMINED TO STAND UP FOR MY RIGHTS TO ROBBIE! HIS SHOW HAD BEGUN WHEN I ARRIVED BACK STAGE...

HOW COME YOU'RE NOT OUT FRONT WATCHING THE SHOW, GRACE?

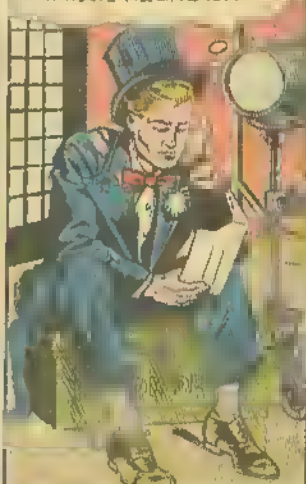
I'M THROUGH PLAYING SECOND FIDDLE TO A TELEVISION SET, BUZZ! PLEASE GIVE ROBBIE THIS NOTE WHEN HE TAKES A BREAK! IT WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!



I COULDN'T HELP THINKING OF ROBBIE AND HOW HE WOULD REACT TO MY NOTE...



"I'M LEAVING YOU, ROBBIE-- THERE'S NO OTHER WAY... I REGRET..."



THE NEXT MORNING, I FOUGHT OFF A TWINGE OF GUILT AS I READ THE PAPERS WHILE PACKING...

IT'S NOT MY FAULT, AND I WON'T FEEL TO BLAME! IF I MEANT SO MUCH TO HIM HE WOULD SHOW ME MORE CONSIDERATION!

IF ONLY I HAD LISTENED TO BUZZ WHEN HE STOPPED BY THE APARTMENT THAT MORNING...

ROBBIE'S CHECKED IN WITH ME, GRACE! HE'S IN BAD SHAPE--REALLY BROKEN UP! WON'T YOU COME OVER AND TRY TO PATCH UP YOUR DIFFERENCES?

NO, BUZZ, I'VE MADE UP MY MIND! H-HE'S JUST A CLOWN! I WON'T SIT BACK AND BE IGNORED WHILE HE LAVISHES ALL HIS LOVE AND AFFECTION UPON HIS WORK!

THAT'S NOT TRUE, GRACE! SHOW BUSINESS IS IN HIS BLOOD BUT HE WORSHIPS THE GROUND YOU WALK ON! PLEASE... TRY TO UNDERSTAND!

PLEASE GO, BUZZ! I'M MOVING IT AND I'M BUSY!

ENTERTAINMENT SECTION

DOODS BUNGLES HOLIDAY SHOW
ROBBIE DOODS FELL APART AT THE SEAMS IN ACT 2 OF LAST NIGHT'S SHOW 'IS THE COMIC SICK?'



LOVE SECRETS

AT DINNER, A TV SET WAS TUNED IN TO THE CHANNEL THAT FEATURED ROBBIE BUT INSTEAD ANOTHER COMIC WAS ON---

AND NOW, THE FUN-FOR-ALL HOUR...

THIS IS THE TIME ROBBIE DODDS USED TO BE ON! FUNNY, THE WAY HE FLOPPED SO SUDDENLY!

ROBBIE HAD TEN TIMES THE PERSONALITY HE HAS! COULD I HAVE BEEN WRONG? AM I TO BLAME FOR HIS CAREER ENDING?

GRACE, WHY TRY TO KID YOURSELF? YOU'VE BEEN WEARING THAT SAD FAR AWAY LOOK FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS! WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK TO HIM? YOU KNOW YOU COULD NEVER STOP LOVING ROBBIE, SIS!

I'VE BEEN A FOOL! A GREAT STUPID FOOL! IF I TRIED FOR A CENTURY I COULD NEVER LOVE ANYONE BUT ROBBIE! HE'S A PART OF ME-- AND I'M PART OF HIM...

TOMMY, PLEASE TAKE ME TO BUZZ'S PLACE, I'VE BEEN SO WRONG!

I HURRIED TO BUZZ'S APARTMENT...

NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AND NOBODY ELSE IN THE BUSINESS HAS! HE DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT RIGHT AFTER THEY FAILED TO RENEW HIS CONTRACT! BUT WHY SHOULD YOU CARE! YOU'RE THE ONE THAT PUT HIM ON THE SKIDS!

I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR HATING ME, BUZZ! JUST FIND HIM-- TELL HIM I LOVE HIM! I WANT TO COME BACK!

HEAVENS KNOWS WHERE HE IS, GRACE! HE PAID OFF ALL HIS BILLS AND LEFT WITHOUT A DIME! SORRY, KID!

OH, NO NO... I MUST FIND HIM! I MUST!

MY ROBBIE-- BROKE AND ALONE AFTER ALL HIS SUCCESS! MY HEART ACHED WITH THE THOUGHT OF IT!

NO LUCK, GRACE! I'VE CHECKED EVERY HOTEL IN TOWN, PLACED ADS IN MIAMI AND SAN FRANCISCO PAPERS... EVERYTHING! I'M AFRAID YOUR HUSBAND IS DELIBERATELY STAYING AWAY FROM HIS USUAL SPOTS!

I'LL NEVER GIVE UP, TOMMY! NEVER! I WON'T REST UNTIL I'VE FOUND ROBBIE AND BEGGED HIS FORGIVENESS ON MY KNEES!

SORRY, NOT A CLUE ON HIM YET, MRS. DODDS!

THANK YOU! KEEP TRYING PLEASE!

STRONG WORDS THESE! AND AS THE MANY MONTHS DRAGGED BY I PRAYED FOR THE STRENGTH TO LIVE UP TO THEM.

A FULL YEAR WENT BY! ONE DAY MY BROTHER PHONED! HE HAD TICKETS TO...

JUST WHAT YOU NEED, GRACE! A CIRCUS CHEERS EVERYONE UP!

YOU'RE SWEET, TOMMY! IT'S SO HARD TO BELIEVE I ONCE THREW JOKES AND LAUGHTER ASIDE!

MAIN TENT ENTRANCE

THEN...

HA, HA! C'MON, TOBO! SMILE!

HA, HA! THAT CLOWN'S SURE SAD LOOKING!

STRANGE... HE SEEMS FAMILIAR TO ME...

TOBO THE SAD FACED CLOWN

POP CORN

SUDDENLY, I RUSHED FROM MY SEAT...

I LIKE TO BE SAD -- YESSIEEE!

THAT VOICE! I-IT'S ROBBIE!

IN FRONT OF TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE ROBBIE RETURNED TO MY ARMS...

OH, MY DARLING... CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME? I'VE SEARCHED SO LONG... SO VERY LONG!

GRACE! YOU'VE COME BACK...

TOBO THE SAD FACED CLOWN

WHEN MY SHOW FLOPPED, I DIDN'T CARE, GRACE! JOKES AND COMEDY HAD LOST ME YOU! YOU'RE ALL THAT EVER MATTERED!

WE'LL NEVER BE LOST AGAIN, ROBBIE! I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON FOREVER!

YES, WE'RE BACK TOGETHER AGAIN! BUT THIS TIME I'M REALLY PART OF THE SHOW! WAITING AND HELPING AS ROBBIE STARTS HIS LONG CLIMB BACK TO THE TOP!

JUST LIKE HIS OLD SELF AGAIN, GRACE!

YES BUZZ! HIS OLD SELF...

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Accidental LOVE

"For heaven's sake, Margaret, straighten your stocking seam." That was mother's irritated comment, typical, I might add, of mother's comments to me. Not that she wasn't the most wonderful mother ever, it was just me! All my life things had gone awry for me, crooked stocking seams, straight hair, braces on my teeth, a talent for tripping over nothing in sight, invariably resulting in a sprained ankle. My two sisters, on the other hand, were paragons of a sort. Always beautifully groomed, perfectly poised, and currently engaged.

By the time they were both married, I had pulled out of high school with poor marks and mother was looking at me with a gleam in her eye. I knew what it meant. "There will be no old maids in my family," she spouted, and we were off. Weeks in a success school, daily training in dramatics and a full course at the beauty parlor did wonders for me.

I emerged a complete stranger to myself and prepared for the engagement party of my last unmarried cousin, Sue. Sue's fiancé, Bill, was handsome, and wonderful and smooth and so were his friends. I was immediately entranced with his best buddy, Ned Winters. Ned didn't notice me at all until I stumbled on the dance floor and had to be carried to a chair. Then he came over to talk. He was so sophisticated I could hardly stand it, but I did, and we spent a delightful evening together. Mother observed us with complacency; she could see my star on the rise. My ankle wasn't sprained this time so for the following week, he dated me for all the pre-nuptial parties, catching my purse as I tried to juggle it along with a tea cup, retrieving my left glove when I habitually left it on the hall table, all sorts of little, thoughtful things. I

was sure I was mad about him, for the moment, at least!

Then everybody returned to the city until the wedding, and Ned and I wrote almost daily, breathlessly waiting for the time when we would meet again. After the wedding, we were sipping punch together at the reception when Ned looked up brightly and stared across the room. "Say, there's Rusty Kraft. Hey, Rusty . . . over here."

Rusty turned and saw us, smiled broadly, and I thought he was just about as handsome as Ned, but not so well put together. Rusty proved this as he plunged across the floor, colliding with a maid carrying a tray of full punch cups and showering everyone in sight. Later when we finally met, he asked me to Samba with him. Ned bowed graciously, he might be fond of me but he knew beyond doubt that my Samba was deadly. Rusty didn't have time to find out, because somehow we got tangled up on the dance floor and Rusty went down again. This time he had the sprained ankle. Ned and I drove him to the doctor's house and back to the reception and I spent the rest of the evening at Rusty's side.

We talked and talked and found out that deep down we were very much alike, things had always gone awry for Rusty, too. That was six months ago and Rusty came to town last week-end to present me with an engagement ring. Everything went beautifully until I opened the lovely blue velvet jewel box to find it empty. Panic swept my swain and he rushed to the telephone. "Phew," he sighed with relief, "Mom says it's sitting on top of my bureau at home. Gosh, darling, I'm sorry. But I love you and I'll bring it along next week-end when I come back." I smiled and planted a big smooch on the tip of his nose. This man is certainly for me!

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OH, THAT WONDERFUL DAY WHEN A GIRL RECEIVES THAT PRECIOUS LOVE LETTER FROM HER FARAWAY SWEETHEART! OH, HOW THE TREMBLING FINGERS CAREFULLY WITHDREW THAT MESSENGER OF ROMANCE TO READ THE WORDS OF LOVE INSCRIBED! I'D BEEN THROUGH THAT GLORIOUS EXPERIENCE MANYTIMES, YET, STRANGELY ENOUGH, ALL OF IT WAS A LIE! YOU, SEE, IT WAS THE POSTMAN WHO DELIVERED THOSE LETTERS WHO FINALLY OPENED MY EYES TO THE TRUTH ABOUT...

THE MAIL *in my* LIFE

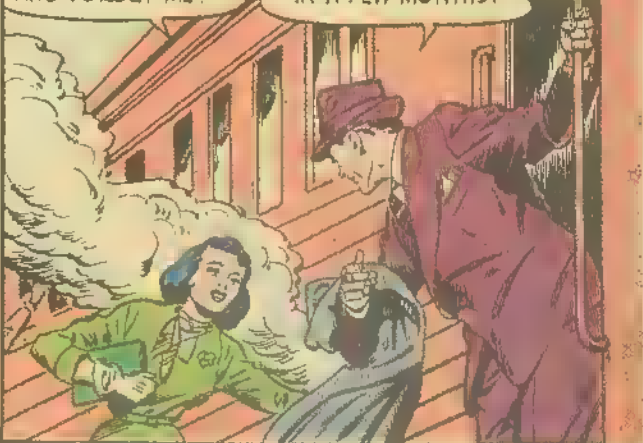


MY LOVE WAS GOING AWAY! OUR PARTING WOULD ONLY BE TEMPORARY, BUT STILL, MY ANGUISH WAS UNBEARABLE



OH, MY DEAREST, WHAT IF YOU SHOULD MEET SOME OTHER GIRL AND FORGET ME?

IT COULDN'T HAPPEN IN A MILLION YEARS! JUST TRUST IN ME! I'LL BE SENDING FOR YOU IN A FEW MONTHS!



LOVE SECRETS



I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOUR LETTERS, DARLING! DON'T FORGET TO WRITE!

EVERY CHANCE, I GET, HONEY!

WHEN ROGER'S LETTER FINALLY CAME TWO DAYS LATER, I WAS SO STARRY-EYED WITH HAPPINESS I HARDLY NOTICED THE POSTMAN WHO DELIVERED THE LETTER...



OH, ROGER, MY DARLING... YOU KEPT YOUR PROMISE! YOU DIDN'T FORGET TO WRITE!



HELLO, PAULA!

WHY... IT'S CLIFF, ISN'T IT? CLIFF HARKNESS! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE WE WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER!



BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN SERVICE!

I WAS, BUT WHEN I WAS MUSTERED OUT I TOOK A CIVIL SERVICE EXAM... AND HERE I AM! A MAILMAN... YOUR MAILMAN! THEY ASSIGNED ME THIS ROUTE TODAY!



I HEARD ABOUT YOU AND ROGER... SO I GUESS MY MAILBAG WILL BE LOADED DOWN WITH HIS LETTERS TO YOU! FROM NOW ON CALL ME CUPID!

HA-HA! GOOD BYE... CUPID!



POOR CLIFF! HE NEVER MADE ANY OF THE ATHLETIC TEAMS IN SCHOOL! HE NEVER HAD THE HIGHEST MARKS! HE WAS ALWAYS A NOBODY... AND HE STILL IS!

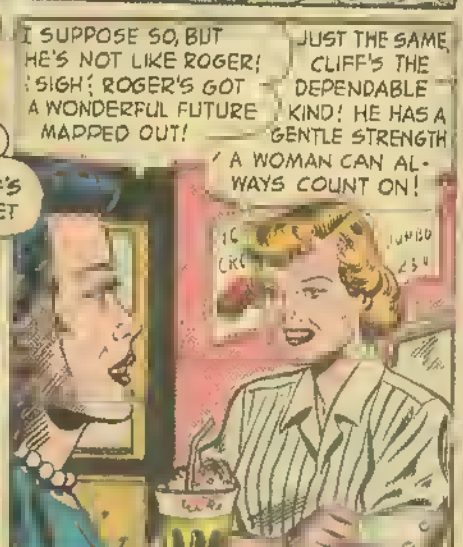
JUST AN ORDINARY MAILMAN!



CLIFF! I ALMOST DISMISSED HIM FROM MY THOUGHTS UNTIL LATER WHEN I HAPPENED TO DISCUSS HIM WITH SOME OLD SCHOOL FRIENDS...

...AND SO THERE HE STOOD IN THE UNIFORM OF A MAILMAN! I GUESS CLIFF WILL NEVER BE A STANDOUT!

DON'T BE A SNOB, PAULA! CLIFF'S A SWEET, QUIET FELLOW!



I SUPPOSE SO, BUT HE'S NOT LIKE ROGER! SIGH! ROGER'S GOT A WONDERFUL FUTURE MAPPED OUT!

JUST THE SAME CLIFF'S THE DEPENDABLE KIND! HE HAS A GENTLE STRENGTH A WOMAN CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON!

LOVE SECRETS

ONE THING I COULD ALWAYS COUNT ON, WAS CLIFF DELIVERING ROGER'S LETTERS! THEY CAME REGULARLY, THRILLING ME WITH AVOWED WORDS OF LOVE ...

ANOTHER LETTER FROM ROG! HE NEVER FORGETS, DOES HE!

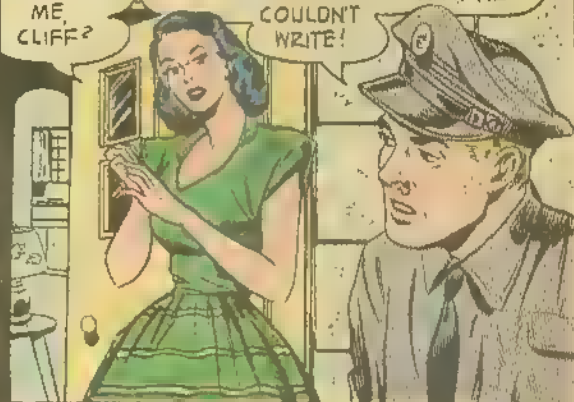
NO, HE DOESN'T! AT FIRST, I HAD MY DOUBTS ABOUT HIM GOING AWAY.. THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MIGHT MEET ANOTHER GIRL.. BUT NO MORE!



AND THEN SUDDENLY, ONE DAY THE LETTERS STOPPED COMING! MY HEART STOOD STILL EACH TIME CLIFF CAME TO THE DOOR.. EMPTY-HANDED!

IS.. IS THERE ONE FOR ME, CLIFF?

SORRY.. NOTHING! BUT I WOULDN'T WORRY! MAYBE HE'S BEEN SO SWAMPED WITH WORK THAT HE COULDN'T WRITE!



HE'D FIND TIME SOMEHOW--IF HE CARED! SOB! HE'S MET ANOTHER GIRL! I KNOW IT! HE'S FORGOTTEN ME ALREADY!

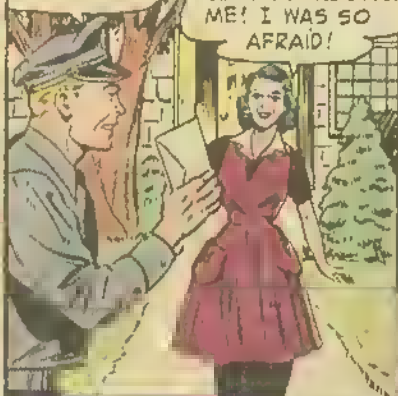
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT! ANOTHER LETTER WILL COME SOON-- YOU'LL SEE!



AND THEN A FEW DAYS LATER, A DAY FOREVER STAMPED UPON MY MEMORY!

PAULA.. IT'S COME! A LETTER FROM ROGER!

OH, THANK HEAVEN! HE HASN'T FORGOTTEN ME! I WAS SO AFRAID!



WHY THE LETTER'S TYPEWRITTEN! ROGER SAYS HE HURT HIS HAND IN AN ACCIDENT.. HE COULDN'T WRITE FOR AWHILE, BUT NOW HE CAN PECK OUT HIS LETTERS ON A TYPE WRITER! SO THAT EXPLAINS IT!

SURE..THE GUY COULDN'T WRITE IF HE HAD A HURT HAND, COULD HE?



PAULA, I KNOW YOU'RE ENGAGED TO ROGER, BUT I WONDER IF YOU'D GO TO A DANCE WITH ME TONIGHT.. JUST IN PURE FRIENDSHIP, OF COURSE!

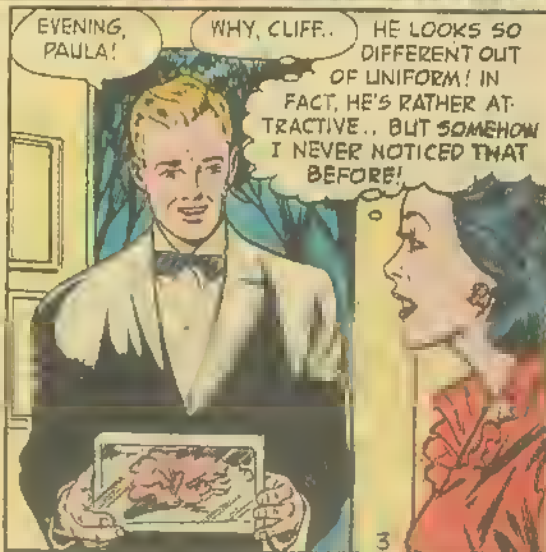
WHY..THIS IS RATHER UNEXPECTED! BUT YOU DO DESERVE SOME REWARD FOR MAKING ME HAPPY TODAY! ALL RIGHT, CLIFF.. I'LL GO!

THAT NIGHT WHEN THE DOORBELL RANG, IT ALMOST SEEMED AS IF A STRANGER, A HAND-SOME STRANGER, STOOD WAITING..



EVENING, PAULA!

WHY, CLIFF.. HE LOOKS SO DIFFERENT OUT OF UNIFORM! IN FACT, HE'S RATHER ATTRACTIVE.. BUT SOMEHOW I NEVER NOTICED THAT BEFORE!



LOVE SECRETS

LATER I LEARNED OTHER QUALITIES ABOUT CLIFF THAT I'D NEVER UNDERSTOOD BEFORE! FOR IN SPITE OF HIS BOYISH, ALMOST SHY MANNER, HE HAD A CERTAIN WINNING CHARM!

YOU LOOK HAPPY TONIGHT, CLIFF!

I AM, BUT THERE'S NO TOMORROW FOR MY HAPPINESS! IT ENDS WHEN I TAKE YOU HOME!



HE'S IN LOVE WITH ME! HE'S ALWAYS BEEN IN LOVE WITH ME! BUT HE'S ALWAYS BEEN TOO SHY TO CONFESS IT! BUT HIS EXPRESSIVE EYES, GIVE HIM AWAY!



LATER, WHEN HE TOOK ME HOME, HE STOOD THERE AS AWKWARD AS A SCHOOL BOY ON HIS FIRST DATE!

POOR CLIFF! HE LOOKS SO PATHETIC, SO TOUCHING, I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM! I CAN'T RESIST THE IMPULSE TO GIVE HIM A HARMLESS GOOD NIGHT KISS TO BUOY HIS SPIRITS UP!



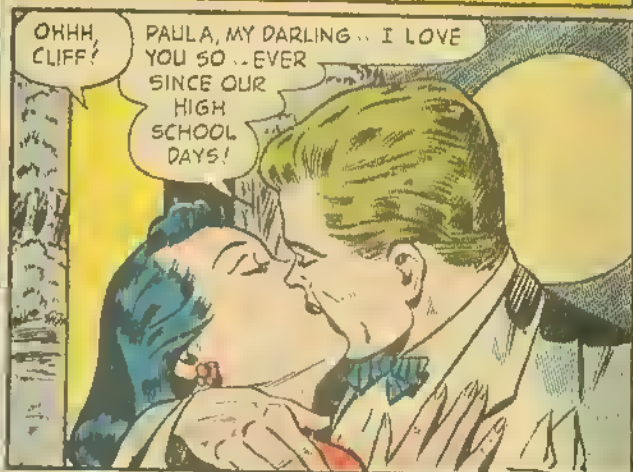
DEAR, SWEET CLIFF!



I'D INTENDED THE KISS TO BE SISTERLY, BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT, NOR DIDN'T REALIZE THE URGENT, YET SWEETLY ARDENT DEMAND OF HIS LIPS PRESSED TO MINE!

OH, CLIFF!

PAULA, MY DARLING... I LOVE YOU SO... EVER SINCE OUR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS!



C-CLIFF, I--I THINK YOU'D BETTER GO NOW! I HADN'T INTENDED..

SURE, I UNDERSTAND! IT'S ROGER, ISN'T IT? ALWAYS BEEN ROGER!



MY LIPS HAD PARTED FROM HIS.. RELUCTANTLY.. I HAD TO ADMIT THIS TO MYSELF LATER! THERE HAD BEEN A GLORY ABOUT HIS KISS THAT WAS ODDLY DISTURBING TO ME!

THIS IS RIDICULOUS! I CAN'T BE FALLING FOR CLIFF.. A MAILMAN... A NOBODY! OH, I ADMIT HE'S SWEET.. BUT HE'S NOT IN ROGER'S CLASS!



LOVE SECRETS

AS IF TO CONVINCE MYSELF OF THE TRUTH, I AGAIN READ ROGER'S LAST LETTER... AND THE ONE TENDER PHRASE THAT HAD TOUCHED MY HEART!



"EVERY TIME WE KISS IT IS LIKE THE ETERNAL SPRING, WARMING, NURTURING THE LOVE IN OUR HEARTS" OH, HOW LOVELY ROGER WRITES!

THIS LETTER REVEALS A MAN'S SOUL! A GIRL CAN'T HELP LOVING THE MAN WHO CAN PUT SUCH A LOVING SOUL ON PAPER! OH, ROGER, MY DARLING, COME BACK TO ME SOON!



THE NEXT DAY, I TRIED AS GENTLY AS POSSIBLE TO TELL CLIFF I COULD NEVER LOVE A MAN WHO WAS JUST AN ORDINARY MAILMAN!

PAULA, THE MAILMAN SERVES AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION IN SOCIETY, AND I'LL PROVE IT IF YOU DARE COME ALONG WITH ME ON MY APPOINTED ROUNDS! ALL RIGHT, I WILL!



I SAW FOR MYSELF WHAT CLIFF MEANT! SO MANY FOLKS DEPENDED ON HIM!

A LETTER FROM YOUR SON IN KOREA, MRS. HOBBS!



GUESS THIS IS THE MODEL ROCKET SHIP YOU SENT AWAY THOSE COUPONS FOR, FREDDY!



HERE'S YOUR PENSION CHECK, FOLKS... RIGHT ON TIME AS USUAL! GUESS YOU CAN USE IT, EH?



YOU SEE, PAULA! IN MY MAIL SACK I CARRY JOY, SADNESS, GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS, GIFTS, WEALTH... EVERYTHING.. EVEN LOVE LETTERS.. SUCH AS THE ONES ROGER SENDS YOU! YOU UNDERSTAND NOW?



YES... I THINK I DO!

THAT NIGHT I COULDN'T SLEEP! A SUDDEN FIERCE SNOWSTORM AWAKENED ME, FILLING ME WITH A SUFFOCATING DREAD...

STRANGE, BUT I HAVE A SUDDEN PREMONITION THAT THE MAN I LOVE IS IN TROUBLE AND NEEDS HELP! OH, ROGER, ROGER... WHAT'S WRONG?



THE FOLLOWING MORNING, WHEN I OPENED MY FRONT DOOR... A STRANGER STOOD THERE!

OH? BUT THIS IS CLIFF'S ROUTE! WHERE IS HE?

CLIFF'S COME DOWN WITH PNEUMONIA! SEEMS LAST NIGHT THE MAIL TRAIN BROUGHT A LETTER FOR THE TOMPKINS FAMILY FROM THEIR ONLY SON, IN KOREA!...

KNOWING HOW ANXIOUS THEY WERE TO HEAR FROM THEIR BOY, CLIFF TREKKED THROUGH THAT SNOWSTORM TO DELIVER THE LETTER THAT SAME NIGHT! WHEN CLIFF GOT BACK HE HAD A BAD FEVER AND...

OH! I MUST GO TO HIM!

I DIDN'T STOP TO THINK WHY IT WAS SO IMPORTANT FOR ME TO BE BESIDE CLIFF! I ONLY KNEW I HAD TO BE THERE... NEAR HIM...

PAULA.. PAULA.. ROGER'S THE ONE SHE WANTS... ALWAYS ROGER..

HE'S DELIRIOUS... BEEN BABBLING LIKE THAT ALL DAY!

..EVERY TIME WE KISS IT IS LIKE THE ETERNAL SPRING, WARMING, NURTURING THE LOVE IN OUR HEARTS!

WHY.. THOSE WORDS! THEY WERE IN ROGER'S LETTER! HOW COULD HE KNOW THEM UNLESS.. UNLESS...

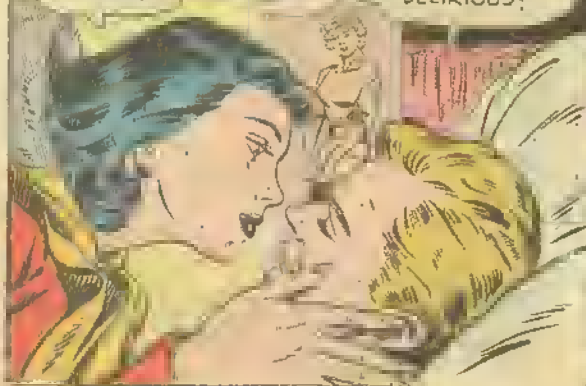
..UNLESS CLIFF WROTE THEM! OF COURSE, CLIFF TYPED THAT NOTE, AND ARRANGED WITH A FRIEND TO MAIL IT FROM THE CITY! ROGER HAD FORGOTTEN ME, BUT CLIFF DIDN'T WANT ME TO BE UNHAPPY! OH, CLIFF.. CLIFF! SOB!

SUDDENLY I KNEW WHY I HAD A PREMONITION OF DANGER LAST NIGHT! IT WAS BECAUSE CLIFF WAS OUT IN THAT STORM...

CLIFF.. CLIFF.. YOU'RE THE ONE I REALLY LOVE!

PAULA.. IS THAT YOU? AM I DREAMING, OR DELIRIOUS?

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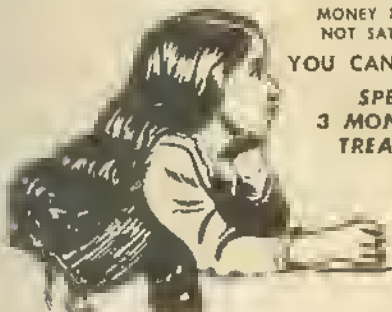
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